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(SALT TWO-937)

THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMTN DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON  
AT THE SALT TWO MEETING OF MARCH 17, 1976.

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON  
MARCH 17, 1976

MR. MINISTER,

I

SINCE THE RESUMPTION OF WORK IN JANUARY, THE DELEGATIONS  
HAVE DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME TO THE ISSUES RELATED TO  
LIMITING SILO LAUNCHER VOLUME. WE HAVE SOUGHT MUTUALLY  
ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE TO IMPLEMENT DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW ON  
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THIS SUBJECT. THE DRAFTING WORKING GROUP RECENTLY REACHED

AGREEMENT AD REFERENDUM TO CHIEFS OF DELEGATION ON TEXTS FOR  
PARAGRAPH 4 OF ARTICLE IV AND THE ACCOMPANYING AGREED STATEMENT  
AND COMMON UNDERSTANDING, AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE IV

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4. THE PARTIES UNDERTAKE IN THE PROCESS OF MODERNIZATION  
AND REPLACEMENT OF ICBM SILO LAUNCHERS NOT TO INCREASE THE  
ORIGINAL INTERNAL VOLUME OF AN ICBM SILO LAUNCHER BY MORE THAN  
32 PERCENT. WITHIN THIS LIMIT EACH PARTY SHALL BE FREE TO  
DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH AN INCREASE WILL BE MADE THROUGH AN  
INCREASE IN THE ORIGINAL INTERNAL DIAMETER OR IN THE ORIGINAL  
INTERNAL DEPTH OF AN ICBM SILO LAUNCHER, OR IN BOTH THESE  
DIMENSIONS.

AGREED STATEMENT

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THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE WORD "ORIGINAL" IN PARAGRAPH 4  
OF ARTICLE IV REFERS TO THE INTERNAL DIMENSIONS OF AN ICBM SILO  
LAUNCHER, INCLUDING ITS INTERNAL VOLUME, AS OF MAY 26, 1972, OR  
THE DATE ON WHICH SUCH LAUNCHER BECOMES OPERATIONAL, WHICHEVER  
IS LATER.

COMMON UNDERSTANDING

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THE OBLIGATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF ARTICLE IV  
AND IN THE AGREED STATEMENT THERETO MEAN THAT THE ORIGINAL  
INTERNAL DIAMETER OR THE ORIGINAL INTERNAL DEPTH OF AN ICBM  
SILO LAUNCHER MAY NOT BE INCREASED BY AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN  
THAT WHICH WOULD RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN THE ORIGINAL INTERNAL  
VOLUME OF THE ICBM SILO LAUNCHER BY 32 PERCENT SOLELY THROUGH  
AN INCREASE IN ONE OF THESE DIMENSIONS.

I PROPOSE THAT AS CHIEFS OF DELEGATION WE NOW AGREE TO THESE  
TEXTS AD REFERENDUM TO GOVERNMENTS.

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GIVEN OUR AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 10, CONCERNING PARAGRAPH 4  
OF ARTICLE IV AND THE DEFINITION OF A HEAVY ICBM, I NOW HOPE WE  
CAN REACH AGREEMENT ON THIS DEFINITION.

AS YOU KNOW MR. MINISTER, WE BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL ALSO  
TO LIMIT THE DESTRUCTIVE POTENTIAL OF HEAVY ICBMS. I, THEREFORE,  
HOPE WE CAN PROMPTLY REACH AGREEMENT ON PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE IV.

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